(a) whether English as medium and subject is compulsory for the entrance examinations of National Defence Academy and Combined Defence Services;

(b) if so, whether it is not a violation of Constitution which provides equal opportunities, recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language and Parliamentary Resolution (1968);

(c) whether Ministry of Defence in the year 1998 and some organization in the current year have made request for offering Hindi option;

(d) if so, action taken in this direction so far; and

(e) proposed action which is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The National Defence Academy (NDA) and Combined Defence Services (CDS) Examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission are of objective type. At present the syllabi of these examinations include English as one of the compulsory subjects.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The question of introduction of Hindi and other languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution as medium of various examinations conducted by UPSC including NDA/CDS examination was considered by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee appointed by the UPSC. Efforts are on to arrive at a consensus on this sensitive issue, based on the recommendations of the Committee.

Promotions under IN-SITU Scheme

3014. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1602 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2000 and state :

(a) whether Government are considering such type of promotion in other Departments/cadres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal with Government to give such type of promotion to C.P.W.D.—Engineers Cadre ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) This Department has neither formulated any general scheme of in-situ promotions of the type referred to in the question nor any general instructions have been issued in that regard.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission

3015. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has made a number of recommendations concerning the Central Secretariat/Central Secretariat Stenographers Services/Central Secretariat Clerical Services; and

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made and decisions taken by Government on each recommendation alongwith the reasons for rejections in this regard, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) The complete details are available in the Report of Fifth Central Pay Commission. The recommendations, by and large, have been processed. However, some of the more important recommendations and decision taken thereon for Central Secretariat Service/Central Secretariat Stenographers Services/Central Secretariat Clerical Service are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 79]

New Petrol Pumps in the Ninth Plan

3016. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of new petrol pumps proposed to be set up in the Ninth Plan in different parts of the country, location-wise/district-wise/State-wise?